

Suggested Questions for Dr. Mark Evans for the celebration of America250/Cultural Conservation



America's Musical Story

- Why is America's musical heritage important and why are we in danger of losing it?
- Who are the most important figures in American music?
- What are the great genres of America's musical heritage? (Hint: rock, rap, and pop are not on the list!)
- What is the impact of social media on America's musical legacy?
- What should we remember most about American music as we celebrate America/250?

Cultural Amnesia

- What is cultural amnesia and why does the loss of our past have a hidden but fatal and dangerous effect on our future?
- Do the arts matter? Do the music we hear, the books we read, and the art we see matter more important than whether we select hot dogs or hamburgers, vanilla or chocolate, Coke or Pepsi?
- Why is it important for us to discover, hear, and appreciate the music of the past and the composers who created it?
- What can parents and grandparents do to combat cultural amnesia and help familiarize their children and grandchildren with the best of the past?
- What is Cultural Conservation?

What Families Can Do This Year to Celebrate America/250 through Cultural Conservation

- What can families do so that children and grandchildren are introduced to the best of our past and present to guarantee a better future?
- Are you ever too young or too old to start?
- How important is self-education?
- What can parents and grandparents do to discover America's musical heritage?
- How do social media and the Internet impact our understanding of our history and what does this have to do with our present day concerns and the 250th birthday of our country?